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MATERIAL WITH DYMETHYL SULFOXIDE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the telephonic interview with the Examiner Ms. C. Brown on October 16, 2001, wherein the Examiner stated that as of today, October 16, 2001, the Office has not responded to the Applicant's Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b), dated August 15, 2001. The period for response extends to October 16, 2001, with a two-month extension of time. Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment and remarks prior to examining the present patent application:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. All pending claims after this Preliminary Amendment are listed below in clean form for the convenience of the Examiner. As